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### Senate Confirms Maj. Gen. Robert B. Flowers as Chief of Engineers

On Oct. 6, 2000, the U.S. Senate confirmed Maj. Gen. Robert B. Flowers for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general and assignment as the Chief of Engineers/Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C. Maj. Gen. Flowers will become the 50<sup>th</sup> Chief of Engineers in an Assumption of Command, planned for Oct. 23.

The Chief of Engineers occupies a unique position as a senior member of the Army Staff and as commander of a major Army command. He has Army Staff responsibility for engineering, housing, construction, real property, natural resources, and environmental programs for Department of Army. He also provides advice and assistance on military engineering and topographic matters.

As a major commander, the Chief of Engineers directs an organization of more than 500 military and approximately 37,000 civilian members with an annual program exceeding \$10 billion. Major missions include military facilities construction for the Army and Air Force; environmental restoration of current and former defense installations; and the Army's civil works program.

The Corps of Engineers also provides engineering assistance following natural disasters, regulates work in the nation's waterways and wetlands, conducts research and development, serves as the Army and Air Force real estate agent, and provides engineering services to 60 other federal agencies.

Most recently, Maj. Gen. Flowers served as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center and Fort Leonard Wood and commandant of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Previous assignments include Commander of Mississippi Valley Division, Army Corps of Engineers; Assistant Division Commander, 2nd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Korea; Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Engineer Center, and Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood; Commander, 20th Engineer Brigade (Combat) (Airborne Corps), Fort Bragg, N.C.; and other command and staff positions.

Maj. Gen. Flowers graduated from the Virginia Military Institute and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1969. He then completed ranger and airborne training. His civilian and military education includes a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Virginia, the Engineer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and the National War College. Flowers is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.

## Travel Update

Here is the current schedule for approving travel in CEFMS:

Oct. 9-13

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The ERDC travel web page is now available at:

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/lmo/travel/index.htm>.

As always, if you have a question, please contact your local travel specialist. In the event she is not available, you may contact any ERDC travel specialist.

## Calendar of Events

Oct. 13	HECSA CFC Kick-Off 9:30 a.m. Casey Building, Room 140A
Nov. 3	TEC Blood Drive – Nov. 3 in the Casey Bldg. Room 140 A and B 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Headquarters USACE Info on ERDC Intranet

Information on the new Corps of Engineers Headquarters Building has now been placed on the ERDC Intranet at <http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/usacehq/>. Information includes maps, driving directions, office layouts and other useful information.

## ERDC Exhibit Chart Now on Intranet

The FY01 ERDC Exhibit Chart is now up on the ERDC Intranet at <http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/command/index.htm>. The chart outlines ERDC exhibit strategy for the upcoming fiscal year. If you know of ERDC activities at other conferences or conferences that should be considered for exhibit purposes, please send the information to Jennifer King at the Vicksburg site Public Affairs Office.

## Commander's Mailbox

ERDC team members are reminded that an electronic mailbox has been established to allow employees to send questions and/or comments to the Commander. If an employee wishes to remain anonymous, his or her name will be deleted from the question before it is forwarded to the Commander for comment. Employees' questions will be answered via return e-mail. Answers to anonymous and frequently asked questions will be posted in the Employee Information Bulletin.

The address in Outlook is, "ERDC Commander." Again, all information is kept strictly confidential and all questions are addressed directly by the Commander.

## ERDC Publications on Internet

The ERDC Publication Bulletin serves as the official notification of new ERDC forms and publication, as well as rescissions or changes to existing forms or publications. As of Sept. 10, 1999, ERDC official publications ceased to be printed (i.e., Center Regulations, Circulars, Pamphlets, or Commander's Policy Memoranda). All ERDC official publications are now distributed in electronic format on the ERDC web site located at <http://erdc.usace.army.mil/pubs/index.htm>.

## ERDC News Releases Now on Internet

ERDC News Releases are now on the Internet at <http://www.erd.usace.army.mil/news.html>. New releases will be added as they are released to the media. Please visit this site for the latest ERDC News.

**ERDC Job Vacancies**

Reminder: Information on all current ERDC job vacancies can be found on the ERDC Intranet at <http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/hr/vacancies/index.htm>. All job announcements are also posted at the CPOL web site <http://www.cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/public.html> and at the OPM USAJobs web site at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/a9.htm>.

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